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REMARKS

Claims 11-14 are pending in this application. Claims 1-10 have been cancelled as drawn to a nonelected invention. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Restriction Requirement

A Restriction Requirement has been imposed in this application. In connection therewith, the Examiner asserts that the application claims the following inventions: Claims 1-10, drawn to a method, classified in class 438, subclass 622 (Group I); and claims 11-14, drawn to a device, classified in class 257, subclass 758+ (Group II). Applicants elect Claims 11-14 of Group II for further prosecution, and cancel without prejudice claims 1-10 as drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 11-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. 6,319,824 (hereinafter "Lee et al."). A 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection can be overcome by antedating the filing date of prior art reference. The filing date of Lee et al. is December 3, 1999. The present application is a division of U.S. Application No. 09/085,691 filed May 27, 1998, now U.S. 6,245,489, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/063,487 filed on October 22, 1997. The present application therefore antedates the filing date of Lee et al. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the anticipation rejection of Claims 11-14 be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns that might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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